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Applicant : Adam C. Bedford et al.  
Appln. No. : 10/792,309  
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Confirmation No. :  
For : COMBINED TENSION AND BACK STOP FUNCTION  
FOR SEATING UNIT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in §1.97(b) but to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final Action or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified by §1.17(p).

As the Office has waived the requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent, copies of the listed U.S. patents are not included with the submission of attached Form PTO 1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.


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Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

Please charge the fee of \$180 to Deposit Account No. 16-2463. If there is any additional fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 16-2463.

Respectfully submitted,

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